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Subject: Swaffham Network Improvement Strategy update

Dear All

This is an update on the progress of Norfolk County Council's Swaffham Network Improvement Strategy.

Norfolk County Council's Environment, Development and Transport (EDT) committee on 17th March 2017 agreed to develop a set of Market Town Network Improvement Strategies and in September Swaffham was chosen as one of the first market towns to be worked on. The committee also agreed that the scope and objectives would be transport focused, using this scope we held the external workshop on the 24th January to identify what work has already been undertaken or is underway and what additional issues need addressing.

In summary, perceived high volumes of traffic including HGVs through the town centre and the potential need for a North-South relief road have emerged as particularly serious pressing issue. No professional traffic survey has been conducted so far to evidence and understand the full extent of this perceived issue. Based on the strength of the feedbacks received from the January external stakeholder meeting as well as subsequent NCC's engagement with Swaffham's AQMA group and Neighbourhood Plan Transport group, it is decided that commissioning an **ANPR survey** to gain a full understanding traffic volume in the town including the volume of HGVs and looking into the potential need for a North-South relief road should be the priority task for the Network Improvement Strategy. Survey work and relevant supporting analysis has already been commissioned to start with immediate effect. The findings of this work will then be used to help write the Implementation Plan part of the scope. The result of the survey will also form important baseline data for understanding the impacts of **potential future growth proposals** on the local transport network (see below).

In term what NCC is doing on tackling air quality issues, we are developing work on improved access to the **Theatre Street car park including signing; reconfiguring the traffic signal junction to reduce queuing and emissions on Station Street; and addressing parking issues on Station Street that are causing queuing.**

Other tasks identified as part of the Network Improvement Strategy stakeholder consultation are:

- Map cycle networks and key pedestrian routes
- Understanding the impacts of potential future growth proposals on the local transport network and identify transport infrastructure requirements arising

These 2 tasks are currently not being commissioned as they fall outside the £20,000 per market town budget We are currently working on seeking further funding from partners to deliver these 2 tasks.

If you have any questions on this, please contact me on the details shown below.

Thanks,

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